

Indiana Commission for Higher Education

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EIGHT NEW PROGRAMS APPROVED FOR INDIANA STATE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH IVY TECH

Today the Indiana Commission for Higher Education authorized Indiana State University to deliver eight new baccalaureate programs to six of Ivy Tech's thirteen regions (see below for a list of programs and sites). The Commission's action also allows for the possibility of extending the eight programs to the remaining Ivy Tech regions in the near future.

The arrangement allows graduates of Ivy Tech associate degree programs to transfer 100 percent of their credits to related Indiana State baccalaureate programs and to take all of the coursework needed to complete the baccalaureate degree requirements at the Ivy Tech site. An important feature of the initiative -- which is called PEPP (Partnerships to Enhance Postsecondary Participation) -- is that, with the exception of certain laboratory courses, all of the instruction will be delivered to the Ivy Tech site via distance education technology. Students will receive instruction through a variety of mediated formats, including television, video and audio tapes, audio-conferencing, e-mail, the Internet, and audio-graphics.

President John Moore of Indiana State University described the PEPP initiative to the Commission as an "innovative experiment in distance education ... [that would] strengthen the workforce of Indiana to ensure our state is economically competitive." President Gerald Lamkin of Ivy Tech State College described the Commission's approval of the programs as "a red-letter day for Ivy Tech students statewide." Noting that a goal of the Commission over the past ten years has been to provide Ivy Tech students with transfer opportunities so they can continue their education, Commissioner Stan Jones described the ISU proposal and the Commission's action as "a major breakthrough." In a similar vein, long-time

Commission member Fred Bauer of Terre Haute said the Commission's action today "struck a blow for students ... ISU should be commended."

ISU Programs Authorized by the Commission:

- ♦ B.S. in Business Administration
- ♦ B.S. in Community Health
- ♦ B.S. in Electronics Technology
- ♦ B.S. in General Industrial Supervision
- ♦ B.S. in General Industrial Technology
- ♦ B.S. in Industrial Automotive Technology
- ♦ B.S. in Mechanical Technology
- ♦ B.S. in Vocational Trade-Industrial-Technical Education

Ivy Tech Sites To Which the ISU Programs Will Be Delivered:

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| ♦ Region Two | South Bend/Elkhart/Warsaw |
| ♦ Region Three | Fort Wayne |
| ♦ Region Five | Kokomo/Logansport |
| ♦ Region Six | Muncie/Anderson/Marion |
| ♦ Region Ten | Columbus/Bloomington |
| ♦ Region Thirteen | Sellersburg |